

Washington State Judicial Branch
2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST
Decision Package

Agency Supreme Court

Decision Package Title Security for the Supreme Court

Budget Period 2015-2017 Biennial Budget

Budget Level Policy Level

Agency Recommendation Summary Text

Funding is requested to provide a security detail composed of two Washington State Patrol cadets or troopers for the Temple of Justice on the Washington State Capitol Campus.

Fiscal Detail

Operating Expenditures	FY 2016	FY 2017	Total
001-1 State General Fund	\$257,000- \$470,000	\$244,000- \$362,000	\$501,000- \$832,000
Staffing	FY 2016	FY 2017	Total
FTEs (number of staff requested)	0	0	0

Package Description

Although the Washington State Patrol provides security for the Legislative Building and the Capitol Campus, there has been no full-time security presence in the Temple of Justice.

Housed in the Temple of Justice are the nine elected Supreme Court justices, the Clerk and Commissioner of the Supreme Court, and the Reporter of Decisions, and approximately 60 staff. Because tourists and visitors are invited to observe court proceedings and tour the facility, the public, justices and court staff are frequently exposed and vulnerable.

Funding is requested for a State Patrol presence to protect the public, justices, Supreme Court staff, and those conducting business and visiting the Temple of Justice.

Washington State Patrol personnel on site would have the ability to anticipate and deter threats and to act quickly when assistance is needed. In addition to providing surveillance and protection during court proceedings, trained law enforcement personnel would ensure a rapid and safe response in an emergency situation or natural disaster.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

Measure Detail

Impact on clients and service

A State Patrol presence would provide security not only for the elected judicial officers but for staff, attorneys, and visitors to the Temple of Justice.

Impact on other state services

None

Relationship to Capital Budget

None

Required changes to existing Court Rule, Court Order, RCW, WAC, contract, or plan

None

Alternatives explored

The Supreme Court is also working with the Department of Enterprise Services to implement security features recommended by DES and the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs and budget impacts in future biennia

Costs are ongoing.

Effects of non-funding

Continuing to leave the state's highest court unprotected could have disastrous results.

Expenditure calculations and assumptions and FTE assumptions

Two Washington State Patrol (WSP) Troopers or cadets working Monday through Friday with .24 FTE for a supervisor. Vehicle fuel and maintenance is based upon \$900 per month. There is a charge the first year for radios for commissioned officers. Travel is also assumed for 8 two day trips per year to include hotel, per diem and flights. Two pursuit vehicles are Ford SUV fully equipped with moving radar. The indirect rate from WSP is 25.63%.

Object Detail	FY 2016	FY 2017	Total
Staff Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Non-Staff Costs	\$257,000- \$470,000	\$244,000- \$362,000	\$501,000- \$832,000
Total Objects	\$257,000- \$470,000	\$244,000- \$362,000	\$501,000- \$832,000